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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

application.

This paper is submitted prior to examination of the above-identified

Amendment

Kindly add claims 27-28 as follow:

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27. (new) A composite paper comprising, in weight percent:

Alkaline earth metal silicate fibre 90-95

Organic binder 5-10

Organic flocculants < 1.

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Bind of

28. (new) A composite paper as claimed in claim 27 in which the organic binder is an acrylic latex.

Support for these new claims appears, for example, on pages 8-9 of the application and in the originally-submitted claims.

Fees

Enclosed is a check for \$36.00 for presentation of additional claims.

Applicants believe no other fee is due in connection with this paper. The Assistant

Commissioner is, however, authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 should

Applicants' belief be mistaken.

Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner allow claims 1-28 and that a patent containing these claims issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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